

## REMARKS

This is to acknowledge that independent Claim 7 has been allowed, and that Claims 5 and 6, which depend from rejected Claim 1 were indicated as being allowable if amended so as not to depend from a rejected claim. In this regard, however, Claim 1 has been hereby amended and is believed to be allowable over the cited prior art.

As now presented, Claim 1 requires an image pickup apparatus arranged so as to store, into one area of a memory, first image data obtained from an image pickup element, and to store in a different area data extracted from the first image data, in accordance with a predetermined file format. Also a color correction is provided for second image data which is obtained either from (1) an object different from that of the first image data, or (2) at a timing different from that of the first image data, on the basis of the data extracted from first image data. The second image data is obtained from the image pickup element and stored into the memory in accordance with the predetermined file format.

The above-characterized features of the invention as now presented in Claim 1 are not disclosed by the cited Sergeant and Sawachi references. For example, the Sergeant patent discloses a camera used in a surveillance system, the camera being arranged so that an imaging parameter is stored in accordance with a selected angular coordinate of the camera to be read out. However, as mentioned in the Office Action (page 3), the Sergeant patent is silent as to a memory for storing data in a different area. Accordingly, the Sergeant patent does not disclose the storage of data extracted from first

image data obtained from an image pickup element, in an area different from the storage area of the first image data, in accordance with a predetermined file format, as required in amended independent Claim 1. In addition the Sergeant patent fails to disclose that second image data, to be color corrected by a control unit, is obtained from the image pickup element and stored into the memory in accordance with the predetermined file format, as also recited in amended Claim 1.

Referring now to the Sawachi referenced, that patent discloses that a DOS format file system records a setting value such as an image data shooting condition or the like, in a directory file area on a recording medium. However, the setting value of this reference is provided by processing thumbnail data and is therefore distinguishable from data extracted from first image data obtained from an image pickup element, as required by amended Claim 1. Thus, the Sawachi reference also fails to disclose a memory for storing data extracted from the first image data obtained from the image pickup element, in the area different from that of the first image data in accordance with the predetermined file format, as recited in the amended Claim 1. In addition, the Sawachi reference fails to disclose the claimed control unit for correcting of the second image data color either (1) obtained from an object different from that of the first image data or (2) obtained at a timing different from that of the first image data, on the basis of the data extracted from the first image data.

For these reasons it is believed that Claims 1-3 and 6 are in condition for allowance along with previously allowed Claim 7 and allowable Claims 4 and 5.

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Respectfully submitted,

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